

Amendments to the Claims

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) A formulation of ~~Claim 1~~Claim 16 wherein the average particle size of ~~the spinosyn~~spinosad is about 2 to about 7 microns.
3. (Currently Amended) A formulation of Claim 2 wherein the amount of ~~spinosyn~~spinosad is from about 0.02 to about 50 weight percent of the formulation.
4. (Currently Amended) A formulation of Claim 3 wherein the amount of ~~spinosyn~~spinosad is from about 2 to about 5 weight percent of the formulation.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Currently Amended) A formulation of ~~Claim 7~~Claim 4 wherein the surfactant is present in an amount of from about 0.1 to about 5 weight percent of the formulation.
9. (Currently Amended) A formulation of ~~Claim 7~~Claim 8 wherein the ~~spinosyn~~spinosad is present in an amount of about 25 grams per liter of the formulation, and the dispersant is a condensed formaldehyde/naphthalene sulfonic acid or salt thereof, ~~the gum is a Xanthan gum, and the water is deionized, and which further comprises propylene glycol and a foam control agent.~~
10. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture, comprising packaging material and a formulation for controlling an ectoparasite infestation on a small ruminant or companion animal contained within said packaging material, wherein said formulation comprises:
a unit dose of a formulation of ~~Claim 9~~Claim 16; and wherein said packaging material comprises a label or package insert with instructions for administering the dose to the animal.
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an ectoparasite infestation on a small ruminant or companion animal, comprising administering to the animal an effective amount of a formulation of ~~Claim 9~~Claim 16.
13. (Original) The method of Claim 12 wherein the formulation is applied to the head, neck, shoulders or back of the animal by a spot-on or pour-on protocol.

14. (Cancelled)
15. (Cancelled)
16. (New) A stable ectoparasiticial aqueous suspension formulation comprising:
 - a) an ectoparasiticial amount of spinosad, milled to an average particle size of from 1 to 15 microns;
 - b) an ionic dispersant, wherein the spinosad:dispersant weight ratio is 3:1 to 1:5;
 - c) 0.3 to 5 weight percent of a mineral thickener;
 - d) an antimicrobial agent acceptable for topical veterinary applications in an amount effective to prevent microbial growth in the suspension;
 - e) propylene glycol;
 - f) 0.05 to 3 weight percent of xanthan gum;
 - g) 0.1 to 10 weight percent of at least one surfactant;
 - h) an antifoam agent; and
 - i) water.